(f) Various schemes like revamping/modernisation of the older units are being taken up to improve their production performance. Captive Power Plants wherever considered necessary have either been installed or under installation in order to avoid production loss on account of power cuts/instability.

Shares of States in the foodgrains for Central Pool

1273. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any statutory compulsion on the States to contribute their surplus stocks of foodgrains to the Central Pool;

(b) how much wheat and rice have been contributed by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal for the Central Pool duirng the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90;

(c) which are the States, which have not contributed to the Central Pool having surplus stock of rice and wheat; and

(d) the quantity of rice and wheat, supplied to the above mentioned States in the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 52].

(c) Out of the above States, Tamil Nadu does not contribute to the Central Pool and retains rice procured for its own use.

(d) Statement attached. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 53].

Employment to youths in rural areas

1274. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of youths provided with employment in rural areas in the country during the last three months; and

(b) what steps have been taken to increase employment opportunities in rural areas during the same period?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) and (b) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and Training of Rural Youth for Self-Employment (TRYSEM) are the major programmes being implemented to provide employment in the rural areas.

Under JRY, which is monitored in terms of employment generated in terms of mandays, about 2236 lakh mandays of employment is reported to have been generated from November, 1989 to January, 1990.

Under IRDP (the programme under which assistance is provided to families with annual household income of less than Rs. 4000/- for acquisition of assets sa that the beneficiaries can become self-employed) which is monitored in terms of the number of families assisted, 933571 families were reportedly assisted in the period from November, 1989 to January, 1990.

Besides, under TRYSEM which is being implemented to improve the employability of the rural unemployed, 17051 trainees were reportedly able to get self-employment and 3779 trainees were able to get wage employment in the period from November, 1989 to January, 1990.

Department of Rural Development monitor these programmes closely so that optimum benefits accrue to the rural poor and unemployed from these programmes.